

Colleagues,

The past few days have been a celebration of our mission, an outcome adorned by mortar boards and robes. On Thursday night in Palm Desert, 308 newly minted graduates walked across the stage, including 28 from the PDC's inaugural 2013 freshman class. On Saturday, 3,120 participated in one of our four jam-packed ceremonies at Citizen's Business Bank Arena.

When you see the faces of our graduates and their families, it reinforces why each of us have chosen this field. On that note, I want to send my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each of you for literally transforming the lives of thousands of students every day. It's truly the faculty and staff of CSUSB that remain the driving force behind this great university.

I also understand how the past few months have been difficult for many of you, with volleys of communications being shared. As I have said in the past, I am troubled by the Senate's resolution of May 9. I invite you to read [my detailed response](#).

I look forward to greeting each of you when we launch a new academic year at Convocation on September 18. Have a wonderful summer!

Tomás D. Morales  
President